REPORT ON OFFICER'S DUTIES IN REGARDS TO THE PRESIDENT'S MURDER

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On Friday, November 22, 1963, Detectives Senkel and Turner reported to work at 9:00 AM. We were supposed to work with Chief Lumpkin and ride in his car to work the President's trip to Dallas. We got with Chief Lumpkin in the basement of the City Hall at approximately 9:45 AM. Chief Lumpkin had a U. S. Army Major with him that would ride in the car with us. All four of us drove to Love Field in Chief Lumpkin's car. The chief was driving. We drove to Love Field and to the area where the President would arrive. A Secret Service man met us at Love Field. He rode in Chief Lumpkin's car with us out in front of the motorcade. We stayed in this area until the President arrived at approximately 11:40 AM. We were to be the pilot car in this motorcade. After all the planes were on the ground, we drove to the outer gate at the parking lot near Cedar Springs and awaited word from Chief Curry in his car when they were about to pull out in the motorcade. We were on Channel 2 and were talking car-to-car as were all units involved in working the motorcade route. At approximately 11:50 AM, we received word from Chief Curry that they were ready to leave. We traveled the motorcade route and drove approximately 1 milesin front of the motorcade. We kept track of the location and speed of the motorcade by radio contact with Chief Curry. We were checking for any obstruction, or circumstance, that might impede the motorcade. The first time I saw the motorcade was after it turned on Main Street. I could see the red lights on the vehicles in the motorcade. When they turned on Main off Harwood, we were at approximately Main and Griffin. When we turned on Houston off Main, the motorcade was at approximately Main

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and Akard. We turned on Elm and then onto the Stemmons Expressway. I do not recall noticing anyone in the windows of the Texas School Book Depository Building as we went by it. We drove on out Stemmons and were near Oak Lawn when we heard on the Police radio, "Tell Parkland to stand by". Then we heard Dallas one, which would be Sheriff Decker got on the radio and notify our dispatcher to notify all of his personnel to get over by the overpass on Elm Street and seal off the area until investigators could get there. Someone got back on the radio and said, "Notify Parkland to stand by, I think he has been hit." We were on the service road of Stemmons, near Oak Lawn when the President's car came by us on the way to Parkland. We followed the car to Parkland and helped with the situation until they got them carried into the hospital. I never did go in the hospital. In a couple of minutes Chief Lumpkin, Det. Senkel, the Army Major, and I proceeded to the location of the offense at Elm and Houston, arriving at approximately 12:50 PM. Chief Lumpkin advised to search a cabooze of a freight car that was parked just behind the Lone Star School Book Depository Building. I looked through this car, apparently Chief Lumpkin and Senkel had gone in the building. I went in the first floor of the building. I talked shortly with a Mr. O. V. Campbell, the man in charge, and with R. S. Truly, warehouse superintendent, and with a Joe Molina who worked there. They were all of the opinion that the shots came from west of their building. They said they heard 3 shots at approximately 10-second intervals. Allen Sweat of the Sheriff's office came up and stated they had just sent a witness over to the Sheriff's office who might be able to give a description of the suspect. I went over to the Sheriff's office, where they had several witnesses in the Sheriff's office. Deputy Lum Lewis and

Ira Trantham of the Burglary and Theft Bureau, Dallas Police Department, were interviewing the witnesses. Mr. Sorrels of the Secret Service was also talking with these witnesses. Affidavits were taken from these witnesses by various secretaries and court reporters from the County. I talked to the following listed witnesses: Charles F. Brehn, w/m, 1619 Kings Highway, WH 2-6893. He did not see suspect, or know where shots came from, was with his kid standing on Elm, west of Houston, saw something happen to the President. Also talked to Arnold Louis Rowland, w/m, and Barbara Walker Rowland, w/f, both of 3026 Hammerly. Have affidavits from them. Also interviewed Ronald B. Fischer, w/m/, 4007 Flamingo Drive, Mesquite, BR 9-0950, and Robert E. Edwards, w/m, 821 South Nursery, Irving. We have affidavits from them. On Monday, November 25, 1963, Detective Potts and I took a mug shot of Oswald and showed it to witness Fischer. He states he could not say definitely, but the photo of Oswald looked like the man he saw in the window less than a minute before the President's car arrived. I also interviewed at the Sheriff's office, John Arthur Chism, c/m, and Marvin Faye Chism, c/f, of 4502 Underwood. We have affidavits from them, also Jean Newman w/f, 3931 Clover Lane, FL 2-4222, have affidavit from her, also Julia Ann Mercer, w/f, 5200 Belmont, Apt. 208, we have affidavit from her. While at the Sheriff's office, I heard about Officer J. D. Tippit getting shot. Deputy Walthers told me some of the details. Sheriff Decker told me about them having Oswald arrested for shooting Tippit, and said Capt. Fritz had notified him that the suspect also worked at the Texas School Book Depository. I went over across the street to the building, hunting my partner, Detective Senkel. I went through the building and couldn't find him. Lt. Kaminski of the Special Service Bureau turned over a coat to me that had been turned in to

him by a James Clark La Rue. He found this coat on Industrial. As of this time, it has no part in the case. It was placed in the Property Room by me in Mr. La Rue's name as found property. I went back to the Sheriff's and called Lt. Wells at our office. He advised me to come to the office. I caught a ride to the office [illegible] an accident investigator. Upon arriving at the office, Lt. Baker was hunting a Justice of the Peace to get a search warrant. I told him of seeing Judge Dave Johnson at the Sheriff's office. He sent me, along with Detective H. M. Moore to get the warrant and go to 1026 North Beckley where Oswald had a room rented in another name. I think the name was O. H. Lee. We went to the Sheriff's office, where we picked up Judge Dave Johnson and Assistant District Attorney, Bill Alexander. Judge Johnson gave me the Search Warrant #295, which he had made out. All four of us drove to 1026 North Beckley, arriving at approximately 4:45 to 5:00 PM where we met Detectives Senkel and Potts and Lt. Cunningham. They were already at the location. We recovered the following listed property at this location on the warrant and brought it to the station, Room 317. Among the property recovered was a City of Dallas map that was marked at several locations, among them being the corner of Elm and Houston, a leather gun holster, numerous letters with Lee Harvey Oswald's name on them, several books, and pamphlets, and personal papers. (See attached list for complete list) Later in the evening on November 22, 1963, I took an affidavit from Linnie Mae Randle, w/f/30. She is the sister of the boy Oswald rode to work with and saw him carry the package and place it in the car on Friday morning, November 22, 1963. On or about November 23, 1963, I received information by telephone from an unknown caller who stated the December, 1963 issue of "Guns and Ammunition" has an exact picture of the gun like found at the scene, complete with scope. States this ad states that a mail order house, Klein's Sporting Goods,

Det. 487, 22 West Washington Street, Chicago 6, Illinois. This information was passed on to Capt. Fritz, who stated he already had that information.

On Sunday, November 24, 1963, I heard about the incident in the City Hall basement shortly after noon. I came on to the City Hall. I talked to Lt. Smart and Lt. Swain and helped them go through property they had recovered from Jack Ruby's car. We made a complete list of this property which has been typed up. Then Lt. Swain, Senkel, and I placed it in the Property Room. On Sunday night, November 24, 1963, a Ray John of Channel 8 News called this office stating that he had an anonymous phone call that stated they thought Oswald had the rifle sighted in on Thursday, November 21, 1963, at a gun shop at 211 or 212 Irving Boulevard. We checked and found an Irving Sport Shop at 221 East Irving Boulevard, BL 3-5309. A Woodrow Greener, BL 2-8492, owns this shop and has a man named Dial D. Ryder, 2028 Harvard, Irving, BL 3-4876, working for him. He states that he and Ryder have talked about this and have seen photos of Oswald and photos of the gun in the paper and neither can remember doing any work for this man, or any work on this gun. He will check his files for names and call back if he finds anything. He states that another reason that both of them think that they never worked on this gun is that in the photothe screws that hold the clamp that holds the scope on the rifle look like they are on top of the gun, and he thinks that neither of them ever saw a gun with a scope mounted with these screws on top.

On November 28, 1963, I talked to Mr. Greener again. He states that they found a work ticket back in the rear of the shop. This ticket has no date on it, but the best they can figure out this work probably came in November 4.

to November 8, 1963. This ticket has the name Oswald on it and "Drill and Tap", $4.50 and Bore Sighting $1.50. He states that neither he nor Ryder can remember the face, or doing any work for this man. From the photo of the gun they still think that they did not work on the gun; however, he states that they will be glad to look at the rifle and see if they can recognize their work on it. The handwriting on the ticket is Mr. Ryder's. He states that they will check their cash register tapes and see if they can determine about when the rifle was picked up and when it was paid for.

We contacted Mr. Greener at his house in regards to picking up the work ticket that had been written up in the name of Oswald, Drill & Tap $4.50 and Bore Sighting, $1.50. Mr. Greener states that he has orders from a Mr. Horton of the F. B. I. to hold on to this ticket and not let it out. This ticket was written up in pencil by Mr. Ryder who works for Mr. Greener. This was Monday, November 25, when Mr. Horton of the F. B. I. first contacted them.

This phrase "drill and tap" as used by a gun smith means to drill a hole and using a tap to put threads in to attach a scope mount. They charge $1.50 a hole to bore these holes, this would mean that the mount on this scope would have three screws in it. The phrase "bore sights" means to attach a spud to the barrel of the rifle and then using a sight align tool they will attach this spud to this tool and align the cross hairs. Mr. Greener states that most mounting for scopes have to use 4 screws, states there are only two or three, the Springfield 03AM and the British 303 that use 3 screws in the mount. He states that they do not sell the ammunition that would fit the 6.5 calibre Italian gun. He is going to check his cash register tapes tomorrow and see if he can determine when approximately this order was picked up by the $6.00 service charge that would have been paid. Mr. Greener's home address is 2015 Rosebud Drive,

We talked to Mr. Dial D. Ryder, 2028 Harvard, RL 3-1876. He states that he wrote the work ticket up with the name Oswald on it. We showed him a new mug shot of Oswald, and he states that he cannot identify the man as the one who left a rifle with him. He is going to check and see if he can find out tomorrow what day he did all of his business in pencil, as he usually writes with a pen, but does remember one day in the past when he used a pencil, and this tag was written in pencil. States that he can check because he remembers picking up some orders in Dallas on that day and will check this out tomorrow. He states that he will be glad to look at the rifle and see if he can remember working on it, but from the photos he has seen of it, he does not think that he has worked on it. He thinks from the photos he has seen of it, the scope mounting only has 2 screws in it, and he states that he charged for 3 on this ticket. Also states that he thinks that he would remember a cheap scope like this and would have tried to sell the man another one and would remember this. He states that they do not sell ammunition that would fit a 6.5 calibre gun, but that he has found out that H. L. Green's does.

On November 25, 1963, we took a picture of Harvey Lee Oswald, DPD #54018 and showed it to witness Ronald Fischer, w/m/24, 4007 Flamingo Way, Mesquite, Texas, FR 9-0950. His business address is County Auditor's Office. An affidavit was taken from him at the Sheriff's office. He states the photo of Oswald looks like the man he saw at the window where the shots were fired from. States he saw this man in the window a minute or less before the motorcade arrived. He could not say definitely this was the man, but said that it looked like the man.